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SMUGGLING OF HEROIN
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence has recently arrested three Nigerians with heroin worth 35 crores of rupees recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the quantum of heroin ganja, opium, charas and other narcotics seized during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;

(d) the number of persons arrested during the said period and the details of the action taken against them; and

(e) the measures taken by the Government to put a check on smuggling of narcotics and penalize the persons involved in this trade?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S.PALANIMANICKAM)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. DRI has arrested three Nigerians with a total of 34.6 kgs of Heroin valued at about Rs. 35 crores (IMV). On the basis of specific intelligence, two Nigerians were intercepted at Nizamuddin Railway Station on 23.10.05 when they were about to board a train to Mumbai. Examination of their luggage led to recovery and seizure of 20.856 kgs of Heroin. In the meantime, intelligence was developed that a Nigerian carrying heroin had already departed from the railway station for Mumbai. The Nigerian was apprehended when he alighted at Mumbai and 13.8 kgs of heroin seized from him.

(c) & (d) The details are furnished in the Annexure.

(e) All Customs field formations including Directorate of Revenue Intelligence are alert and vigilant to detect and prevent smuggling of contraband goods, including narcotic drugs. Prosecution proceedings are launched against persons involved in the smuggling of narcotic drugs.